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SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT CONFERENCE

1. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 12 QUOTE ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE HEAD OFFICE MAHJUB AS SAYING MARCH 24 BOYCOTT CONFERENCE IN ALEXANDRIA WILL WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS TO COUNTER ISRAELI PLANS TO OFFSET BOYCOTT. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT A SECOND TOPIC WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE LAW PROHIBITING US CORPORATIONS IN NY FROM RESPONDING TO ARAB BOYCOTT REQUESTS.

2. MAHJUB REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT BOYCOTT OFFICE HAS NOT OBJECTED TO COMMERCE DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS TO "US EXPORT LAW" PROHIBITING US CORPORATIONS FROM GRANTING ANY BOYCOTT REQUESTS ON BASIS OF COLOR, CREED, OR RELIGION. BOYCOTT OFFICE HAS NOT OBJECTED BECAUSE BOYCOTT IS ITSELF NOT BASED ON ANY RACIAL OR RELGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY AMENDMENTS ARE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTED AT BOYCOTT, HE ADDED.

3. THIRD TOPIC AT CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO MAHJUB, WILL BE ROMANIAN-ISRAELI ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ROMANIA HAS SENT MESSAGE TO BOYCOTT OFFICE SAYING GOR HAS DECIDED NOT TO TRANSPORT PETROLEUM THROUGH ASHDOD-EILAT PIPELINE, AND HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION TO "CLEAR ITS POSITION" WITH ARAB COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: RELIABLE EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST WHO SPOKE TO MAHJUB RECENTLY IN CAIRO FOUND HIM "LIVID" OVER NEW YORK LAW AND CALM ABOUT COMMERCE DEPT REGULATIONS. MAHJUB REFUSED SUPPLY TEXT OF NY LAW TO JOURNALIST.
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